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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE REPORTS: SZNAIDER, PEREZ BRANCATO,
MALOSOVSKY, GULLO PLUS THREE NOT IDENTIFIED

1. (ENTIRE TEXT).

2. GITLA SZNAIDER TOLD EMBOFSS TODAY (MAY 21) THAT HER SON AND FIVE OF HIS FRIENDS HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE BEING TAKEN FROM A FRIEND'S HOUSE ON MAY 12. ACCORDING TO MRS. SZNAIDER, HER SON JORGE SZNAIDER (C.I. 8.521.010/ DNI 13.433.680) AGE 19, A NIGHT SCHOOL STUDENT STUDYING TO BE A HIGH SCHOOL MATHMATICS TEACHER, TOGETHER WITH HIS FRIENDS JORGE PEREZ BRANCATO AND HUGO MALOSOVSKY PLUS THREE OTHER YOUNG MEN WERE TAKEN AWAY BY TEN MEN FROM THE HOME OF BRANCATO AND MOLOSOVSKY AS REPORTED BY THE APARTMENT DOORMAN. NONE OF THE SIX HAS BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE. A HABEAS CORPUS WRIT FILED BY THE-SZNAIDER FAMILY PRODUCED A NEGATIVE REPLY.

3. MRS. SZNAIDER SAID THAT ON APRIL 20 POLICE OF THE 31ST DISTRICT ASKED THAT HER SON CONFRONT A SUBVERSIVE SUSPECT FOR INFORMATION AND IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. SHE AND HER SON WENT THAT EVENING TO THE POLICE STATION WHERE IT WAS

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DEMONSTRATED THAT THE YOUTH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DETAINEE. BOTH PARENT AND SON RETURNED HOME.

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4. MRS. SZNAIDER SAID HER SON WAS NOT ACTIVE IN POLITICAL OR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS. SHE KNEW LITTLE ABOUT HIS FIVE COMPANIONS, WHO SHE SAID WERE RECENT ACQUAINTANCES.

5. EMBASSY WILL RAISE CASE WITH USUAL ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES.

6. WE JUST SAW THIS AFTERNOON A SPANISH LANGUAGE AGENCY FRANCE PRESSE REPORT FROM ROME STATING THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED OVER THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JORGE SALVADOR GULLO, AN ARGENTINE OF ITALIAN DESCENT, WHO DISAPPEARED AT THE END OF APRIL. THE STORY DESCRIBES GULLO AS A MEMBER OF A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE "INVESTIGATING DISAPPEARANCES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS." WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO REACH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY TO INQUIRE, BUT A QUICK CHECK WITH THE NUNCIATURA TOLD US NO ONE THERE HAD BEEN AWARE OF THE GULLO DISAPPEARANCE. CHAPLIN

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